

Greetings,

Downtown will see a flurry of activity starting tomorrow and lasting through much of the month of August. Please see the following for details.

This week's work:

- Front Street to Coulee Road:
  - Finish up remaining concrete pavement patches and curb sections
- Coulee Road to Vine Street:
  - Southbound 2<sup>nd</sup> Street traffic will be detoured via Vine Street to 1<sup>st</sup> Street to Buckeye Street beginning tomorrow.
  - Side street access from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street will be closed beginning tomorrow. Side street traffic will need to access via 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Streets until paving is complete.
  - Pavement milling on southbound lane & southbound parking lane – Beginning Tuesday at 7:00am and lasting 2-3 days
  - Begin joint repair work on southbound lane & southbound parking lane following completion of milling operation – schedule will be determined by the amount of joint repair work needed
  - Finish curb and sidewalk work in downtown area
- Vine Street to Lake Mallalieu:
  - Grading and setting stringline/forms for concrete paving activities
- North Hudson:
  - Finish storm sewer work between Michaelson Street and Sommers Street
  - Grading for future paving work
  - Concrete mainline pavement work between Monroe Street and Michaelson Street on Friday, August 6th

Next week's work:

- Front Street to Coulee Road:
  - None likely
- Coulee Road to Vine Street:
  - Continue joint repair work on southbound lane & southbound parking lane.
  - Pave first layer of asphalt pavement downtown on southbound lanes following completion of joint repair
- Vine Street to Lake Mallalieu:
  - Concrete mainline pavement work between Division Street and Vine Street beginning Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>.
- North Hudson:
  - Concrete curb and concrete pavement outside the main travel lanes on Friday, August 13th between Monroe Street and Michaelson Street

Future work activities:

- Work is anticipated to switch to northbound lanes downtown the week of August 16th. Northbound traffic will be shifted to the southbound travel lane during that time.
- Concrete curb and parking lanes between Vine Street and Lake Mallalieu are anticipated to occur the week of August 16<sup>th</sup>

- We are still trying to determine how the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street/Coulee Road intersection will be staged to complete milling, joint repair, and paving work
- Closure of access to North Hudson is currently scheduled to begin on Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> following Pepper Fest. The City is still working with the contractor and WisDOT to see if that schedule can be moved up to keep the closure period out of the first couple weeks of school.

For downtown businesses, please keep in mind that the concrete milling operations will be loud and very dusty. There, unfortunately, is no way around this since there is no way to trap dust with a pavement milling operation. Sidewalks will remain open during and after the milling operations. Crosswalks will be reestablished as soon as possible following the milling operations. Parking will remain available on the northbound (east) side of the street during the southbound milling work except in certain locations as needed to finish sidewalk or curb replacement.

For residents between Vine Street and Division Street, access to your driveways will be closed off beginning tomorrow until likely the concrete pavement opened to traffic, likely sometime the week of August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please keep in mind that beginning tomorrow there will be an 8" dropoff between the curb and the gravel base in the roadway as well as at every side street access point. **Do not try to access the area by vehicle during the closure period.** Any damage done to the concrete pavement, curbs, etc. due to people trying to access their driveways during the closure time will be replaced with the cost being billed to the person or party damaging the work, and any damage to vehicles as a result of not following road closures will be the responsibility of the driver. We also want to make sure that the construction zone is safe for the workers working on the concrete paving operations and local residents.

When the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street concrete pavement is gained sufficient strength, local traffic will be routed off of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and back to 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. For residents on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, this is likely to occur sometime the week of August 23<sup>rd</sup>. For traffic to North Hudson, this will occur following the completion of the access closure period. Please remember that after the closures to North Hudson are complete, traffic to North Hudson will be down to one lane taking turns using a traffic signal until sometime in the fall.

The City and WisDOT ask all those traveling along 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in the downtown area, whether walking, biking, or driving, to be aware of construction operations around you. Please make sure to follow all traffic control devices and signs, particularly those for road closures, to make sure the work happens as safely and efficiently as possible.

For those (like me) who are weary of construction, I hope this fact can bring a little light at the end of the tunnel for you: construction in Hudson south of Division Street is looking to be wrapped up by Labor Day. Those of you in North Hudson will have to endure a little more construction through the fall, but the project is looking to be complete yet this year. Hopefully the weather continues to hold out (maybe with a little more rain, though, for the dry lawns out there!) so that we can get through the project as soon as possible!